

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1.-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,~~ An image-pickup apparatus to which a lens apparatus can be mounted removably, comprising:

a linking box provided with a lens mount portion to which the lens apparatus can be mounted;

an image-pickup device unit that receives light that has passed through the lens mount portion and the linking box; and

a main chassis that is arranged between the linking box and the image-pickup device unit, and that includes an aperture portion through which the light passes;

wherein the linking box is fixed to the main chassis, and the image-pickup device unit is fixed to the linking box from a side opposite to the linking box side with respect to the main chassis, and

wherein at least a portion of the linking box that is near a location where the lens mount portion is provided and the main chassis are linked by a linking member.

5.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein the linking member is a component made of a conductive material.

11. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein the linking member is a metal component made by press-forming.

12. (Canceled)